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Atty. Docket No.: 2155CIP2A(203-3398CIP2A)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Wham et al.

Examiner: Michael F. Peffley

Serial No.: 10/626,390

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For: VESSEL SEALING SYSTEM

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- [] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [] No additional fee is required.

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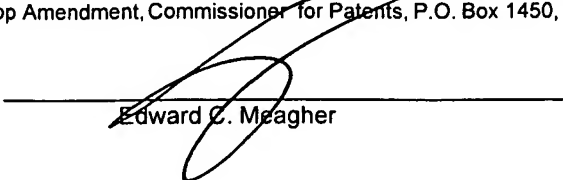
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2006, please amend this application as set forth hereinbelow.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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